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New Post To Dr. Alexander

Dr. Benjamin Alexander has been named as Acting Physician-in-Chief and Acting Director of Medical Research. The appointment was announced by Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director, after retirement of Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart as Director of Medical Research, Physician-in-Chief and Professor of Medicine at Harvard.

In his new post, Dr. Alexander will also be responsible for the teaching program of the Harvard Medical School in Medicine at Beth Israel. He is Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard.

Boston born and bred, Dr. Alexander was graduated Summa Cum Laude from Harvard and Magna Cum Laude from Harvard Medical School. Following clinical training here, he taught in the biochemistry department and then trained abroad on a Harvard Moseley Traveling Fellowship.

His contributions to clinical and biochemical research are reflected in over 100 publications. In recent

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UCF Givers Top Two-Thirds Mark

Response to the United Community Fund campaign within the hospital has been excellent. As B.I. News went to press, more than two-thirds of our dollar quota had been contributed.

Chairmen of the drive, which closes the week of November 7, are Miss Kalla Freiberg, Head of the Information Department, and Mrs. Marion Leventhal, Assistant in the Dental Department.

Variety, Volume Mark BI Buying

Picture, if you can, some 40,000 boxes, crates, cartons and bundles—all sizes, weights and shapes—crossing the Beth Israel Hospital receiving platform each year.

Before these supplies arrive, see 30-40 salesmen weekly, process 13,700 orders for stock items and 6,800 requisitions submitted by other departments each year. Buy wisely

Planning Aids OBS, GYN Move

Moving day for the youngest among us and their mothers took place recently when the Obstetrics-Gynecological Service shifted much of its activity to the eighth floor. New facilities include:

- A new formula room.
- Two new air-conditioned nurseries.
- A new Admitting Room which speeds the reception process.
- A four-bedded Post-Delivery Observation Room which allows doctors and nurses to maintain closer watch over post partum patients.
- A special room for waiting fathers.
- A refurnished on-call room for staff physicians.

The change, which increases hospital efficiency through establishment of the horizontal concept of floor care, was initiated after the most careful planning process.

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ly in terms of more than \$2 million annually—anything from "Adhesives to Zinc"—and you will begin to know why Vincent W. Godlesky, Purchasing Agent since 1939, says, "Volume and variety are what we deal in," when telling how the Purchasing & Stores department plays a vital role in patient care.

Cost Reduction

And that is just part of the story, for the department includes the Print Shop which produces almost 80% of all printed forms used at B.I. and the Butcher Shop which handles, to mention only three items, 110 bushels of fruit and vegetables, and 3,400 pounds of meat each week.

"Although we do not have direct patient contact, we feel we render service to the sick and injured by procuring the most suitable materials needed by the doctor, the nurse, the dietitian and other personnel," says Mr. Godlesky.

"Buying value is our

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Dr. Robert Shapiro Chief of Radiology

Dr. Robert Shapiro has taken up his duties as Beth Israel Radiologist-in-Chief and Professor of Radiology at the Harvard Medical School. His appointment was announced jointly by Dr. George P. Berry, Dean of the Harvard Medical School, and Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director of Beth Israel.



Dr. Robert Shapiro

Dr. Shapiro comes to B.I. from Yale University School of Medicine and from The Hospital of St. Raphael at New Haven, Connecticut, where he was Associate Clinical Professor of Radiology and Chairman of the Department of Radiology.

"In terms of improved patient care, teaching and research," said Dr. Lee, "this development represents an important addition to the strength of the hospital and the community we serve."

Dr. Berry described the high regard in which Dr. Shapiro is held by his colleagues. "In addition," Dr. Berry said, "his two-score contributions to scientific literature reveal his astute clinical acumen and his wide knowledge of chemistry. This combination is highlighted by his basic investigations in the use of metal chelates in contrast radiography."

Dr. Shapiro succeeds Dr. Felix G. Fleischner who retired in 1960 to become Clinical Professor of Radiology, Emeritus. Dr. Mor-

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Annual Dinner November 18

The Annual Dinner of the Hospital will honor Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky, who was Executive Director of our Hospital for 25 years, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, it was announced by Isidor Slotnik, Hospital President.

A record attendance of community leaders plus Hospital and Public Health Administrators from various parts of the country are expected to attend the event which will be held at the Statler Hilton Hotel on Sunday, Nov. 18th.

Mr. Slotnik named Samuel L. Slosberg, Hospital Vice President, General Chairman of the Dinner; Mrs. Nehemiah H. Whitman, Honorary Trustee of the Hospital, and Dr. Louis Herman, Head of OPD Surgical Clinics and Clinical Associate in Surgery at Harvard, as Co-Chairmen; and Mrs. Clifton E. Helman as Vice Chairman.

42 Nurses Earn Diplomas; Over Half Stay at BI



Principals at B.I.'s 41st Nursing School Commencement included (from left to right): Dr. Sidney S. Lee, Hospital General Director; Mrs. Virginia M. Johnson, Associate Director of Nursing Education; Mr. Isidor Slotnik, Hospital President; Miss Dora E. Zolotin, Director of Nursing; and Dr. Count D. Gibson, Jr., featured speaker.

Three years of intensive study and clinical training came to a rewarding conclusion for the 42 young women who were graduated from the B.I.H. School

of Nursing at recent Commencement exercises.

More than half the new nurses accepted their first staff posts at B.I.

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Simple Tests Help Patients

Whether a surgical patient will suffer pulmonary complications following an operation is now predictable with a high incidence of accuracy, according to Dr. Myron Stein, Associate in Medicine at Beth Israel and Instructor in Medicine at the Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Stein, who also heads the Hospital's Pulmonary Function Laboratory, reports that his group has devised three tests which make it possible to find

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New B. I.H. House Officers Come from 22 Medical Schools

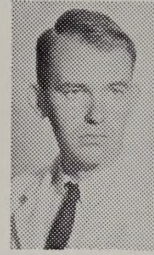
Since it is impossible for every one to meet and know all our new house officers, we present them to you through the photographs on this page. They came to Beth Israel Hospital in mid-summer representing 16 medical schools on the North American Continent and six from abroad.

Of the 37, Medicine has 12 Interns; Dentistry, one and Surgery, five — the latter having previously completed a year of hospital training.

Assistant Residents number four in Medicine, two in Surgery, one in Gastroenterology, two in Radiology, one in Pathology and two in Obstetrics-Gynecol-

ogy. There are seven Residents in Psychiatry.

House Officers participate in ward rounds, staff conferences and daily teaching conferences and lectures. "On-call" every second or third night and every other weekend, each has responsibility for patient care under the supervision of the Chiefs of Service.



J. SUTHERLAND MD
Radiology



A. COLMAN MD
Medicine



M. SILK MD
Surgery



A. WOLFF MD
Psychiatry



M. DOHAN MD
Medicine



D. SHANDER MD
Medicine



M. GOLDMAN MD
Medicine



S. BULOVA MD
Medicine



C. LEEMAN MD
Psychiatry



K. BECK MD
Psychiatry



H. SHEIN MD
Medicine



J. FEIGON MD
Psychiatry



J. AROESTY MD
Medicine



H. GINSBURG MD
Obs-Gyn



B. PIDCOCK MD
Surgery



B. FIELDS MD
Medicine



S. CHAVIN MD
Medicine



L. KASS MD
Medicine



B. LEVEY MD
Psychiatry



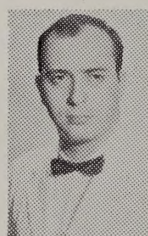
M. FREUD MD
Gastroenterology



B. KOSOWSKY MD
Medicine



R. COLEMAN MD
Psychiatry



A. LILIEN MD
Surgery



B. LEW MD
Surgery



W. OH MD
Surgery



F. CANTOR MD
Medicine



R. LEHRER MD
Medicine



G. ISENBERG DDS
Dentistry



S. WINKLER MD
Radiology



R. ZIMON MD
Medicine



S. TITTE MD
Surgery



M. GOLDSTEIN MD
Medicine



M. BRIDGE
DENCKLA MD—Med



G. BERGGREN MD
Obs-Gyn



R. ROSENBERG MD
Psychiatry



S. SALISBURY -
MURPHY MD - Path.



L. MARGOLIES MD
Surgery

meet the **FAMILY**

Activity Keys Miller's Life

Most people feel they need at least eight hours sleep a night to be at their best each day. Not so Vincent (Vinny) Miller, information desk man from midnight to 8 a.m., who works a few mid-day hours as short order cook at Howard Johnson's, and, in his spare time, studies electronic engineering. He naps



Vincent Miller

around 6 p.m. each evening for a few hours.

One would expect him to be bleary-eyed when he finishes the night shift. Instead, he's alert, attentive and friendly, often lingering for coffee and a morning chat.

For relaxation, Miller sometimes takes in one or two movies a day on weekends and holidays. He also likes to listen to recordings, and loves dances and football. Vinny is particularly fond of Westerns because they are different from the life he has known.

Born and raised in Jamaica, West Indies, he came to the U.S. and worked his way through refrigeration school, two years at Newman Preparatory School, and a year at Wentworth Institute. He is now at Franklin Institute studying for an associate degree in electronic engineering.

He started in Housekeeping, then spent several years as part time file room clerk in the X-ray department, the clinical laboratory and one week in the house record room.

As night information clerk, he compiles the daily Hospital census and handles a variety of tasks including escorting maternity patients to the Delivery Room. He also handles most calls to the Hospital.

Career Vital To OBS Nurse

Mrs. Marjorie Bachmann, Supervisor of Nursing Service in Obstetrics, she of the sunny smile and bouncy energy, impresses everyone with her earnestness and devotion to her career.

"I always wanted to be a nurse and knew it all through school," says the personable nursing supervisor who has worked her way up through the ranks during the past 16 years. Since January, 1961, she has directed the work of a nursing force of approximately 70, the largest in any unit at the Hospital. Her domain includes the labor and delivery suite, newborn and premature nurseries, and the obstetrical floors — 7 South and 8th Floor.

Her first post was staff nurse at The Memorial Hospital in Worcester following graduation from that Hospital's School of Nursing in 1947. She later became head nurse in the delivery room. In 1950 she enrolled at Boston Univer-



Mrs. Marjorie Bachmann

sity and three years later received her B.S. in Nursing Education. While attending school, she worked part time as a school nurse at Emerson College. At B.I., she joined the Nursing School staff in Obstetrics, became Supervisor of Nursing Service in Obstetrics in 1956, and then served as Associate Director of Nursing Service in 1957 and 1958.

Vitally concerned about the future, she thinks every avenue should be explored by the nursing profession to meet the competition for personnel from other fields of work.

She is married to Woodward Bachmann, an insurance agent, and they have a son, Bruce James, 3. "They're my main interest outside of work."

Patient Care Improved Through Value Buying by Purchasing Dept.

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main objective. To us, this means the most in quality and suitability for the least in price. To evaluate



Vincent Godlesky

some of the newly developed items designed for patient care and research—there are many these days—we often consult with our doctors and nursing supervisors."

Standardization Committees provide a more formal avenue for key personnel in other departments to evaluate supplies, service and office equipment.

A Materials Handling program started last year reflects the department's work with others in the Hospital to reduce costs while bettering patient care.

As one of its first efforts, thorough cost and in-use studies were made before pre-packaged disposable syringes and one-use needles were adopted. These virtually eliminate the potential hazard of cross-infection and time consuming processing of reusable needles and syringes.

Not only does Purchasing and Stores deal in dozens and hundreds when supplies are concerned, but of its twelve employees, eight



Miss Carole Lumsden

have worked at B.I. for an aggregate total of more than 100 years.

These people and their years of service are Mr. Godlesky, 30; Ed Winn, Storekeeper, 22; Janis

(John) Tomass, Buyer, 12, (Janis' mother, Mrs. Aleksandra Tomass also works at B.I. as a nurse's aide in Central Supply); Dave Dillen, Butcher, 11; Waclaw (Eddie) Dudzinski, Printer, 11; Bob McSweeney, Buyer, 9; Carole Lumsden, Secretary, 6 and George Duffy, Expediter, 3.

Dr. Alexander Is Acting Chief



Dr. Benjamin Alexander

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years his research has centered around blood clotting mechanisms.

He and his colleagues have discovered two components in plasma that play fundamental roles in blood clotting. He has also developed simple methods of obtaining purified proteins, thus permitting biochemical study of these substances and improving the clinical management of hemophilia and related bleeding disorders.

In Memoriam

Beth Israel Hospital mourns the loss, through death, of four members of the staff and extends deepest sympathies to their families.

Dr. Hyman Morrison, Visiting Physician; Clinical Professor of Medicine at Tufts Medical School — September 27, 1962.

Dr. Meier G. Karp, Head, Department of Orthopedics; Clinical Associate in Orthopedic Surgery at Harvard Medical School — September 13, 1962.

Dr. Harry B. Levine, Associate Visiting Physician in Medicine — August 30, 1962.

Mr. Harry Bailey, Assistant Administrative Engineer, Maintenance — August 20, 1962.

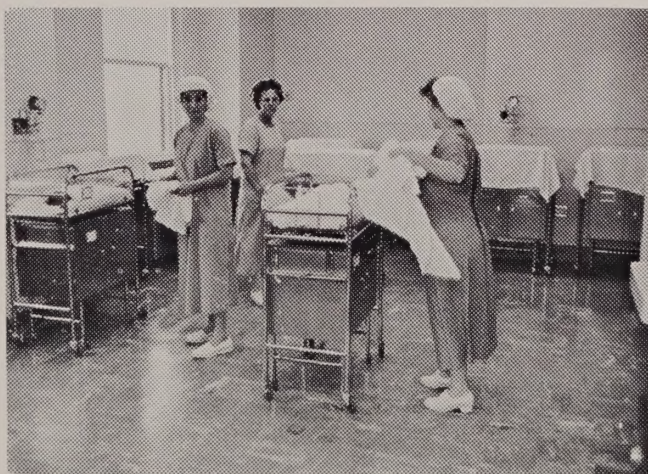
OBS, GYN Shifts To 8th Floor

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In carrying out the move, the Administrative Planning department, under its Director, Jerome R. Sapolsky, coordinated activities of several department heads and outside suppliers. These included Miss Dora E. Zolotin, Director of Nursing; Mrs. Marjorie Bachmann, Nursing Supervisor, OBS-GYN; Mr. John I. Hanley, Head of the Housekeeping Department; Mr. Vincent F. Gardner, Head of the Maintenance Department and Miss Ruth Sheinwald, Head of the Dietary Department.

The entire 8th Floor of the North and South Buildings, as well as 7 South, have now been assigned to OBS-GYN. Previously the service functioned on three floors of the South Building. This is part of B.I.'s program to develop a coordinated OBS and GYN service, according to Drs. Sidney S. Lee, General Director, and Hilton A. Salhanick, Chief of OBS-GYN.

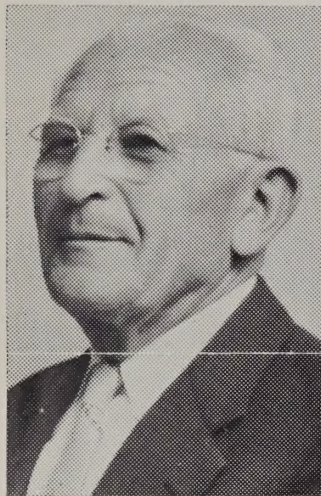
During its 11-year history, the service has seen 28,000 babies born here.



Babies in their portable bassinets settle in one of two new air conditioned nurseries as culmination of OBS-GYN move to eighth floor.

Profile of A Trustee

Life at the turn of the century for Oscar Sterman, an Honorary Trustee at Beth Israel Hospital, was fraught with danger and uncertainty during the pogroms in Czarist Russia.



Mr. Oscar Sterman

Born 78 years ago, his early years were divided between work on farms and in factories in his home province of the Ukraine. He had little formal schooling in those years. At the age of 21, he immigrated to the United States with visions of a bright, new life. These were sharply jolted when he found his sister, who had arrived here before him, living in a fifth floor attic in Chelsea, earning \$1.50 per week.

In 1916 Mr. Sterman organized the American Building Wrecking Company. The firm performed major demolition jobs on theaters and other public buildings between Boston and Utica, New York.

At Beth Israel he was on the original building committee for the first buildings constructed on this site, and was one of the committee instrumental in the buying of turbines to

Stein Tests Are Helpful

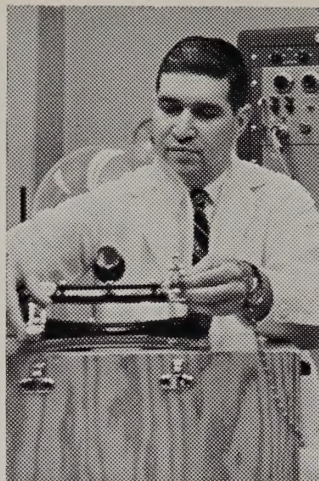
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mild lung disease not usually identified in routine clinical examination or chest X-ray studies.

Working with Dr. Stein on this research project were: Dr. Howard A. Frank, Visiting Surgeon and Associate Director of Surgical Service at Beth Israel and Assistant Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School; Dr. Morris Simon, Senior Radiologist; and Dr. Gordon M. Koota, Assistant Resident in Surgery.

During the investigations, 100 elderly patients considered ready for surgery were tested. Only 65 were operated on. Of these, 32 had been found vulnerable, were treated and then responded well to surgery.

The testing measures the lung's ability to mix in-



Dr. Myron Stein

spired air as well as the patient's ability to produce an adequate cough, which, even when loud, may be ineffective.

Treatment of patients with abnormal test results will help save lives, Dr. Stein believes, since appropriate pre-operative care will prevent most of these lung complications.

Dr. Louis Wolff Promoted To Clinical Professor, Medicine

Dr. Louis Wolff, Visiting Physician and Head of the Cardiology Unit at Beth

supply electrical power to the building.

In 1960, Mr. Sterman and his wife, Celia, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with assistance to other institutions and a \$25,000 gift to help launch the B.I.'s recently completed development campaign.

Mrs. Sterman was one of the founders of the Hospital's Women's Auxiliary—at that time on Townsend Street, Roxbury and is a Life Member and a Friend of the Maternity Unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterman have three daughters: Dr. Ida Sterman, wife of Dr. Louis Rottenberg; Mrs. Hyman (Natalie) Glass and Mrs. Abraham (Mildred) Zibet, and nine grandchildren.

Israel, has been promoted to Clinical Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School according to an announcement by Dr. George P. Berry, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

His contributions include some of the first clinical trials of Vectorcardiography, an advanced method for determining the direction and magnitude of electrical forces of the heart.

He received his B.S. degree in 1918 from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his M.D. degree from Harvard in 1922.

Nurses End 3 Year Course

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Mr. Isidor Slotnik, President of the Hospital, and Mrs. Virginia M. Johnsen, Associate Director of Nursing Education, presented diplomas to the graduates following a welcome by Dr. Sidney S. Lee, Hospital General Director. Miss Dora E. Zolotin, Director of Nursing, presented the special awards. (See picture and caption for names of winners).

Giving the principal address was Dr. Count D. Gibson, Jr., Chairman, Department of Preventive Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine and Physician-in-Charge, Home Medical Service, Boston Dispensary.



Winners of Special Awards at Nursing School Graduation were (from left to right): Elaine Parsons, Kaufman Medal; Dorothy Kaufman, Faculty Award; Dianna Davis, Evelyn Levins Award; and Mrs. Ruth (Goodwin) Sve, Clair Sonis Award.

What's Going On?

HOUSE SERVICES

JANE SILSBY

Best wishes to Mrs. Richard (Sheila) Pinn and to Mrs. Siew-wong (Sally) Tso, on their recent marriages.

Lucky Nancy Hemphill, Mailroom Messenger, just returned from Hawaii.

Welcome to Elizabeth Fidyrych, new Therapeutic Dietitian.

AMBULATORY SERVICES

ELAINE ISRAEL

Welcome back to the Mmes. Frances Feldman, (Cashier), Betty Fleishman (Admitting), and Glenda Bloomfield (Record Room), who are all back at work.

NURSING

MRS. SONIA ROSENBERG

Welcome to: Ruth Zeif, new to our nursing staff; Myrna Jaspan, new Clinical Instructor; Betty Anne Denesovich Carroll, who is back with us; and Lilian Weisman, new secretary in Nursing Education.

Congratulations to: Mrs. Jeffrey (Arlene) Shuman; Mrs. Agamemnon (Anastasia) Voyiages; and Mrs. Charles (Ruth) Sve on their recent marriages.

Hats off to the Nurses' Alumnae Association on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary this month. Mrs. Eliza Brillard of Health Service was Program Chairman.

CLINICAL SERVICES

MRS. DEANI HAMBURG

Four boys and one girl were born to members of our house staff recently — Dr. and Mrs. David Lewis announced Deborah Lee on July 29th; Dr. and Mrs. Arnold A. Lilian's arrival was Bryan Avery, born August 10th; first son, Adam, born September 9th to Dr. and Mrs. Gerold A. Kaplan; first child, David Malcolm, born to Dr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Shein on October 3rd; and first child, Alan Richard, born to Dr. and Mrs. Alan Miller in October.

Congratulations to Dr. Bertram Pitt, Chief Resident in Medicine who was married to Dr. Elaine Libenstein, an intern here last year, and to the former Dr. Martha S. Bridge, intern in medicine, who became Dr. M. Bridge Dencikla.

Dr. Shapiro's Appointment Signals Radiology Growth

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ris Simon, Acting Radiologist-in-Chief for the past two years, now becomes Senior Radiologist.

Before coming to Beth Israel, Dr. Shapiro was consultant in planning the new physical facilities for the Department of Radiology. Soon to be completed, these will substantially expand our resources for diagnostic and therapeutic radioactivity.

A Philadelphia native, Dr. Shapiro received his A.B. degree in 1936 and his M.D. degree in 1939 from the University of Pennsylvania. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Naval Reserve as a Lieutenant Commander.

He became a member of the medical faculty at Yale in 1948. In 1958-1959 he was president of the radiology section, Connecticut State Medical Society.

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